

A Call to Action
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 10, 15

George will send out Doodle Poll and try to schedule a meeting so we can plan the March 10th event.

- Plan March 10th meeting
- Discuss the nature of this group, open, closed, new members, departures

Attendees: George Ferrari, Phoebe Brown, Laura Burch, Seph Murtagh, Sarah C. Simmons, Rit Gallucci, Jeri Gallucci

Reviewed last meeting's minutes

Question of what the process is for people to get involved with this steering committee?
Who is at the table? Who is not represented at our table?

Discussion of the Brainstorm Breakdown

- What are the next steps?

Chief Barber

- Has he expressed an understanding that a problem exists?
- He defends his people and doesn't see the other stuff

Community Police Board

- Sarah reported on visiting the CPB
 - Announced the March 10 meeting
- Laura and Jaimi were working on talking to the Frank Laberti in Rochester
- Jaimi felt that before we were ready to set a date and make it public
- We want to invite him to come and speak
- Should he come on March 10th?
- Frank is only interested in coming if there is representation from the Chief, the Mayor, perhaps council and community members
- Could it be at a council meeting? Would there be enough space?
 - They can't move the meeting because of logistics/filming
- Can we announce the date Frank is coming at the March 10th meeting
- Also have him speak to common council?

- Seph: the CPB is functioning a lot better than it was a few years ago – they are fulfilling their charter by investigating and reviewing complaints
- Some common council members feel like things are going well – what’s the problem
- Would their efficiency be improved if they had subpoena power?

Student March (Phoebe)

- Phoebe has not heard from them
- March is supposed to be 2/21
- Contact student is Cassandra Sidel

Police Accountability Panel (Phoebe)

- Phoebe talked to them about hosting a panel on accountability at the Quaker Meeting House
- Panelist Ideas: James Ricks, Beth Harris, find good representation on panel and have them talk about accountability
- Breakout discussions facilitated by young people
- Come back at end with notes and speak out
- Looking at an April event.
- Reach out to IC students – Dubian and others
- Police invited to event – for sure

Movie Nights (Phoebe)

- Hidden Colors 1, 2 & 3 – the history of African Americans before arriving to America
- Give people a different image of African American people
- Also at the Quaker Meeting House

City of Ithaca (Seph)

- Did talk to Svante and he supported the idea for the Chief to write the white paper on community liaisons
- Seph feels more comfortable talking with the Chief about it now
- Phoebe, can we take the \$12,000 from West Hill property owner and hire someone to do outreach/connector/ambassador to the community – or can we find money from somewhere – outreach worker funded by the police department, a trusted person would change the picture somewhat
- Discussion of the planned Social Worker and how that is different than the idea of the outreach person

- How do we address abuse of power in terms of the police
- Discussion of including the sherriff's office, CUPD, IC etc.
- Seph did invite Graham but he couldn't come today – he was interested in coming – says we should meet with Graham/invite him again
 - It would be good for us to identify a problem with the CPB to focus that conversation

March 10 Meeting Draft Outline:

- Report back about what's been happening since December 29th
- Breakout Action Groups
- Report back on upcoming events

Possible Action groups for March 10:

- Data collection of stories of incidents that have happened that
- Community Police Board

Action Steps/Issues to discuss next time:

- George will send out Doodle for next meeting
- Audrey set up something with Center for Policing Equity
- Audrey to call Chief Magnus in California
- Sue Kittel checking in about another organization similar to Center for Police Equity
- Laura and Jaimi will go to Rochester and meet Frank in person and answer questions before taking the next steps
- Jerri will send Sarah her ideas for a 7-point plan in the same vein as the Mayor's 8-point plan.
- We need to add Rit and Jerri to the email distribution list. Rit's email is ritgallucci@gmail.com. Jerri will send hers later.